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Dear All,

Thanks to all those tireless prolific pens, here comes the fruit of your labor.

THANK YOU ALL!!!

Have a fantastic weekend! Enjoy.

Gloria

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Discussion:

- Aerial spray is planned for this week. Incoming calls & communications from the public will be handled as
- Human disease from mosquitoes including West Nile and EEE will be routed to standard on-call system. Calls will be logged in & answered by the on-call epidemiologist within 1 hour.
- Pesticides questions will be directed to BEH.
- Questions about animals and diseases or animals and pesticides will be directed to Department of Agricultural Resources, Division of Animal Health, also at front end.
- Questions about town mosquito activities and request for spray will be directed to local Board of Health or to the following web site: www.mass.gov/agr/mosquito/districts.htm.
- Listing of the towns that will be partially or all sprayed is attached
- Julie Nassif added that spray is scheduled for Wednesday, but weather may be inappropriate. Delay possible.
- Answered question about the mosquito season: had mosquitoes tested positive for West Nile & EEE early in the season. Fewer mosquitoes around this season because of the weather pattern, but higher numbers of
- A horse tested EEE positive 2 weeks ago, cause of great concern
- No human illness at this time

Conclusions: Mosquito season earlier than usual this year.

Action items		Person respo	nsible	Target Date
6. ✓				
Agenda item:	Cranberry Sample Testing	Presenter:	Julie Na	ssif
Discussion:				

- BEH has a contract with a private lab to test cranberries pre and post spray.
- Chemistry Lab is requested to assist with just freezing the cranberries and then shipping them off to California
- There will be two samplings: Pre-spray and post-spray, 48 hours after the spray
- Not sure if spray will be on schedule for Wednesday because of the concern with wind drift
- $\label{eq:will-minimize} \textbf{Will minimize spray over water bodies deliberately due to its high toxicity to fish, though not very toxic to}$

Conclusions: Expect cranberry samples soon in the lab for freezing and shipping

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	7.	✓	Receiving cranberry samples for freezing and shipping.	Analy. Chem. Staff	soon
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Agenda item:	Section Updates - Bacteriology	Presenter:	Tracy Stiles
Discussion:			

- For the final FERN Triage Exercise, received 5 samples with no paperwork.
- Worked with molecular people . Processed on Wednesday. Tested for everything.
- Had good results at the end of last week. Finishing up now.
- Participated in real time reporting.
- Toxin positive. PCR positive. Instructed to email to FERN. No feedback yet. Don't know if correct or not.
- Will submit all results later this week, once all the plates are done.
- Olivia is going to National Triage Meeting in CA next week Final wrap up of the Triage Exercise. Final project moving forward is using participating labs as training partners to get the rest of the country trained
- Answered questions and explained the Triage Exercise.
- Theory behind the Triage project was looking for streamline protocol for testing any agent of food for some n pathogen in response to threat. Pathogen is unkno
- Have done a number of exercises in the last couple of years. Started with small group of organisms. Expanded overtime. Last week was the final piece that included everything.
- Only 4 states was involved in the Triage and know how to do the tests.
- Will train the rest of the country.

Conclusions	FERN Triage Project is wrapping up.

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Agenda item:	Section Updates – BT Lab	Presenter:	Cheryl G	authier
Discussion:				

- BT Lab has been busy. Has had several BT r/o's from sentinel labs
- Sweater made of organic peruvian yarn was negative for anthrax.
- Last week had white powder inside threat letter incident. Happened on Monday in Templeton, MA. Involved someone recently indicted on drugs who has been receiv ing verbal threats from other drug dealers.
- Culture negative. BT testing negative. Sent the powder to CT Lab. Powder was identified as CS agent, a chemical substance in tear gas used in riot control.
- Received notification on Friday about a researcher who self inoculated themselves with plague while injecting a mouse
- Another drill for BT/CT 24/7 phone in August. Pilot exercise that incorporates Epi. Will drill twice/year. Scripted
- CDC Emergency Response Operation Center will call the 24/7 phone & talk to knowledgeable person. That person will call Epi on-call. Epi is required to call CDC back within 15 minutes. Exercise does not end until Epi
- Forwarded email to Epi staff including Dan Church, et al.
- Need to draft SOP for Chain of Custody
- Current problem is that last receiving person may not be available to relinquish the sample for testing, transfer or pick-up.
- To solve the problem, need an SOP that will designate evidence custodians who can act in lieu of the last person who actually received samples.

Conclusions: (1) CDC BT/CT phone drill in August. (2) Revise SOP to update COC procedure.

Action items	Person responsible	Target Date
10. ✓ Be ready for the phone drill including Epi.	BT, CT, Epi Staffs	August
11. V Will draft an SOP to update COC procedure & ask Brooks to take a look.	Cheryl Gauthier & Jennifer Jenner	Open

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Agenda item:	Section Updates – CT Lab	Presen	ter:	Pete Kane	
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- Testing th	g computers & softwares in the lab to improve network le new system along with PTs now. I new interface for ICP/MS metal's group. New software		-	·	
Conclusions:	Upgrades going well.				
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